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FOR AF/E AMBASSADOR MARSHALL FROM CHARGE'

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SUBJECT: CHIEF MINISTER MANCHAM'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM LTC
FITZGERALD:

BEGIN QUOTE

2. DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON, CHIEF MINISTER
MANCHAM WILL BE REQUESTING U.S. ASSISTANCE FOR EXPANSION
OF THE POLICE MOBILE SPECIAL FORCE. PLANS ARE TO EXPAND
FROM 72 TO 132 MEMBERS. THE EXPANDED SPECIAL FORCE
WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR ROUTINE SECURITY AT THE
TRACKING STATION, REPLACING THE 30-MAN SECURITY GUARD
UNIT PRESENTLY ADMINISTERED BY THE POLICE WITH AFSCF
FUNDS. THE TRACKING STATION IS THEREFORE ALREADY
COMMITTED TO MEET THE SALARIES OF HALF OF THE SPECIAL
FORCE INCREMENT. THE CHIEF MINISTER PLANS TO REQUEST
FURTHER FUNDS FOR (1) CONSTRUCTION OF DORMITORIES FOR
THE UNIT, (2) ARMS AND EQUIPMENT, AND (3) PAYROLL
INCREMENT TO UPGRADE PERSONNEL QUALITY.

3. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION HERE THAT THE CHIEF
MINISTER WILL SEEK ASSISTANCE IN OTHER AREAS.

4. GOVERNOR ALLEN HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE TWO RUSSIAN
OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY VISITED SEYCHELLES REQUESTED ACCESS
TO PORT FACILITIES AND AUTHORIZATION TO ESTABLISH AN
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EMBASSY HERE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENCE.

END QUOTE

5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SEYCHELLES DEFENSE PLANNING
IS CONTAINED IN MATTSON MEMO OF FEBRUARY 27, 1975,
CONVERSATION WITH SEYCHELLES SPECIAL BRANCH CHIEF. COPY
OF MEMO SENT TO AF/E, BRESLER.
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